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RE: SB234

Montana Nurses Association (MNA) supports improving access to care for children who suffer from an autism spectrum disorder. These vulnerable children benefit from early treatment to maximize their potential for development. Without appropriate health care interventions they will be less likely to function productively. Autism is a treatable health disorder; treatments should be covered by health insurance.

MNA requests a friendly amendment to include advanced practice nurses as covered providers.
 See recommended text:

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21 (i) habilitative or rehabilitative care that is prescribed, provided, or ordered by a licensed physician, licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, or

22 licensed psychologist, including but not limited to professional, counseling, and guidance services and treatment

23 programs that are necessary to develop, maintain, and restore, to the maximum extent practicable, the functioning

24 of the covered dependent child;

25 (ii) medications prescribed by a licensed physician, or licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensed under Title 37, chapter 3; or

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10 (e) services rendered by a licensed physician, licensed advanced practice registered nurse with a
 11 specialty in mental health, licensed social worker, licensed psychologist, or licensed professional counselor when

12 those services are part of a treatment plan recommended and authorized by a licensed physician; and

13 (f) services rendered by a licensed advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority and

14 specializing in mental health.

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